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bone dowels. An exemplary implant is disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/328,242, filed on June 8, 1999 now U.S. Patent No. 6,277,149 and entitled "Ramp-Shaped Intervertebral Implant", the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.--

Please replace the text beginning on the top of page 4 with the following:

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--element is a threaded dowel configured to engage the threads in the C-shaped element. The locking element has a height or diameter which is greater than the thickness of the spacer ring such that when the locking element is threaded into the spacer ring, the outer surface of the locking element extends beyond the upper and lower surfaces of the spacer ring so as to engage adjacent vertebral endplates. Preferably, the locking element includes a throughbore for receipt of bone growth inducing materials. Additionally, the locking element may be provided with a bore in its proximal end along with a cross slot for receipt of a suitable insertion instrumentation.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A two-part intervertebral spacer comprising:  
a first component having upper and lower vertebral engaging surfaces and a thickness between the upper and lower surfaces, the first component being of substantially closed structure comprising bone; and,  
a second component engagable within the first component and having a height greater than the thickness of the first component.